

Final Minutes of the  
San Joaquin River Management Program  
Action Team Meeting  
Of  
December 16, 1999

California State University, Stanislaus  
801 W. Monte Vista Avenue, Demergasso-Bava Hall  
Turlock, California

### **Introductions and Approval of Minutes**

The San Joaquin River Management Program Action Team met on December 19, 1999 in the Demergasso-Bava Hall building at California State University, Stanislaus, 801 West Monte Vista Avenue, Turlock California.

Dale Hoffman-Floerke began the meeting by asking for any comments on the October 19, 1999 meeting. No corrections were made. It was suggested that the minutes and attendees lists of future meetings be posted on the DWR web site from now on. This would include both the Advisory Council and the Action Team.

### **San Joaquin River Watershed Conference and Facilities Tour**

The watershed course brochure has been updated since the first mailing. The revised brochure will be mailed during the first week of January 2000. To better define levels of support from watershed class supporters the group decided break them into three levels of participation: sponsors, co-sponsors and supporters. This information would be included the second mailing of the brochure course handouts, and website. January 7, 2000 is the deadline to receive scholarship applications. The scholarship committee will meet to prioritize the list and award the top thirty scholarships by the second week of January.

Ashley Griffin, CSU Stanislaus Foundation, provided a tour of the facilities to be used for the upcoming watershed conference. Two large lecture classrooms with full audio/visual capabilities were viewed including other classrooms for the breakout sessions, displays, and snacks. Griffin provided helpful information and suggested a location for the course check-in and registration.

### **Board Resolution 99-9**

Hoffman-Floerke started the discussion by giving some background on the subject. In a previous meeting with Action Team it was decided that Alex Hildebrand would resurrect the Flood Protection Subcommittee and write a comment letter to the Reclamation Board on the Resolution. A draft copy of the

letter was taken to the Advisory Council Meeting for comments and possible action. Hoffman-Floerke stated that some concerns were expressed. Ray Hart then asked that the group reconsider the letter and any proposed action at the next Action Team meeting.

Richardo Pineda, Chief Engineer of the Reclamation Board, provided an update on Resolution 99-9. Pineda stated that the resolution is not a new regulation but a clarification of those already in existence. It is the Board's responsibility to maintain the integrity of the Sacramento/San Joaquin Rivers levee systems and floodways. This is accomplished by regulating any development within designated floodways requiring encroachment permits applications for all projects within the 20-year, 50-year, and 100-year floodplains. Permit applications will be reviewed prior to permitting and some may require further clarification in the form of a hydraulic analysis. Proposed projects shall not result in an increase in the base flood elevations. Planting trees in a floodway is an example of an encroachment requiring a permit from the Board of Reclamation prior to construction. Generally, the time frame for the Board to review and respond to an application is 30-40 days. It is not known when the Board will adopt the resolution, but it will be after addressing all comments and concerns.

After discussion the group decided that the letter from the Flood Protection Committee would not be further developed and members would be encouraged to seek comments from their respective groups and/or agencies. Any comments about the Resolution can be sent to Ricardo Pineda.

## **Other**

### Mission/Goal Statement

Hoffman-Floerke suggested that planning for a facilitator to assist the group in articulating its goals and objectives take place in late February, after the watershed class. The group agreed that this would be a good time start planning.

### SJRMP Project Endorsements

Alex Hildebrand asked the group if they would consider endorsing a project that would address accumulated sediment in the river channel. The project is similar to the in-channel aggradation control project described in the San Joaquin River Management Plan on pages 50 and 51. An earlier demonstration project was put on hold as a result of landowner environmental concerns. This proposed project, located between river miles 67 and 68, is not expected to have the same concerns, since the landowner sells landfill material and has an area for storage and drying of the dredged material. Sales of the material, by the landowner, would support the operation and help maintain flood capacity.

There was some discussion on what SJRMP might do to endorse the project. It was thought that this issue might be considered when goals and objectives are developed with a facilitator.

#### West Stanislaus Hydrologic Unit Area (HUA) Accomplishments

Mike McElhiney distributed copies of the "West Stanislaus Hydrologic Unit Area Report. The goal of the project is to reduce non-point source water pollution, mainly DDT isomers, from irrigated agricultural soils in the HUA that are reaching the impaired San Joaquin River. The report highlights current practices and projects to improve water quality in the San Joaquin River System. Some of the benefits include: an estimated 934,000 tons of sediment and 1,700lbs of DDT isomers from agricultural fields being kept out of the San Joaquin system.

Next Action Team Meeting: February 17, 2000 at 1 p.m.

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